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Amendment

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Offered by:

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**"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REVISIONS TO ADMINISTRATIVE
PROCEDURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE DELIVERY OF DENTAL
SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following
2 in lieu thereof

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) On or before July 1, 2004, the
4 Commissioner of Social Services shall revise the Connecticut Medical
5 Assistance Program Provider Manual to enact measures that shall
6 enhance and expedite the delivery of dental services to persons eligible
7 for such services under the Medicaid program. Such measures shall
8 include, but not be limited to: (1) Simplifying the application process
9 for providers of dental services to the extent permitted by federal law;
10 and (2) streamlining the renewal form for current dental providers
11 whose provider information has not changed in the preceding two
12 years.

13 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) (a) Not later than July 1, 2004,
14 and prior to the implementation of a state-wide dental plan that

15 provides for the administration to the dental services portion of the
16 department's medical assistance, the Commissioner of Social Services
17 shall amend the federal waiver approved pursuant to Section 1915(b)
18 of the Social Security Act. Such waiver amendment shall be submitted
19 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
20 cognizance of matters relating to human services and appropriations
21 and the budgets of state agencies in accordance with the provisions of
22 section 17b-8 of the general statutes.

23 (b) Prior to the implementation of a state-wide dental plan that
24 provides for the administration of the dental services portion of the
25 department's medical assistance program, the Commissioner of Social
26 Services shall review eliminating prior authorization requirements for
27 basic and routine dental services. In the event the commissioner
28 promulgates regulations to eliminate such prior authorization
29 requirements, the commissioner may implement policies and
30 procedures for the purposes of this subsection while in the process of
31 adopting such regulations, provided the commissioner prints notice of
32 intention to adopt the regulations in the Connecticut Law Journal
33 within twenty days of implementing the policies and procedures."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2003</i>